

15. EARTHWORMS OF DIEGO GARCIA

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Four species of earthworm were collected on Diego Garcia by J. D. Taylor in July 1967. These were identified by R. Sims of the British Museum (Natural History) and are incorporated in the collections.

MEGASCOLECIDAE

Lampito mauritii Kinberg 1867

Litter sand and stones beneath Scaevola, East Point, 2 specimens, 18 July 1967.

Pheretima morrisi (Beddard 1892)

Litter beneath Cocos, East Point, 1 specimen, 13 July 1967.

Pheretima rodericensis (Grube 1879)

Litter beneath Cocos, Minni Minni, 1 specimen, 5 July 1967.

OCTOCHAETIDAE

Dichogaster sp.

Litter beneath Cocos, Minni Minni, 4 immature specimens, 5 July 1967.